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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/932,227	Applicant(s) VOSSHALL ET AL.	
	Examiner Janet L. Andres	Art Unit 1646	

-- **Th MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____. | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: . |

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-12 and 25-28, drawn to polynucleotides, host cells, and expression, classified in class 435, subclasses 69.1, 320.1, and 325, and class 536, subclass 23.4.
- II. Claims 13 and 14, drawn to polypeptides, classified in class 530, subclass 350.
- III. Claims 15-17, drawn to antibodies, classified in class 530, subclasses 387.1, 388.1, and 389.1.
- IV. Claims 18-24, drawn to methods of screening for polynucleotides, classified in class 435, subclass 6.
- V. Claims 29-38, drawn to methods for screening for binding agents, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.
- VI. Claims 39-41, drawn to binding agents and methods of use, classified in class 514, subclass 2.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions differ structurally and functionally and cannot be used together or interchangeably.

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Inventions I and III are unrelated. They differ structurally and functionally and cannot be used together or interchangeably.

Inventions I and IV are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case the polynucleotides have other uses, such as the generation of protein.

Inventions I and V are unrelated. The polynucleotides cannot be used in the methods.

Inventions I and VI are unrelated. The polynucleotides cannot be used in the methods and the polynucleotides and binding agents differ structurally and functionally and cannot be used together or interchangeably.

Inventions II and III are unrelated. They differ structurally and functionally and cannot be used together or interchangeably.

Inventions II and IV are unrelated. The polypeptides cannot be used in the methods.

Inventions II and V are distinct. The polypeptides have other uses, such as the generation of antibodies.

Inventions II and VI are not related. The polypeptides cannot be used in the methods and the polypeptides and binding agents differ structurally and functionally and cannot be used together or interchangeably.

Inventions III and IV are not related. The antibodies cannot be used in the methods.

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Inventions III and V are distinct because the antibodies can be identified in different ways, such as by purification, and the methods can be used to identify other molecules, such as small molecule agents.

Inventions III and VI are distinct because the antibodies have other uses, such as protein purification, and the methods can be practiced with other agents, such as small molecules.

Inventions IV and V are not related. They have different method steps, different goals and outcome measures, and require different reagents.

Inventions IV and VI are not related. They have different method steps, different goals and outcome measures, and require different reagents. The agents of Inventions VI cannot be used in the methods of Invention V.

Inventions V and VI are distinct because the agents can be identified in other ways, such as by purification, and the methods have different method steps, different goals and outcome measures, and require different reagents.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the searches required for the different groups are different, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

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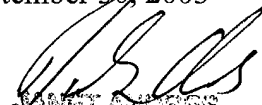
Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet L. Andres whose telephone number is 703-305-0557. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler can be reached on 703-308-6564. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0196.

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September 30, 2003


JANET ANDRES
PATENT EXAMINER